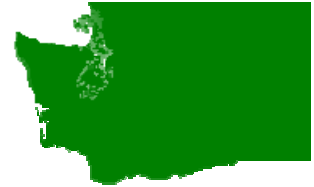




Warden Conservation District

2005 Report of Accomplishment

(July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005)

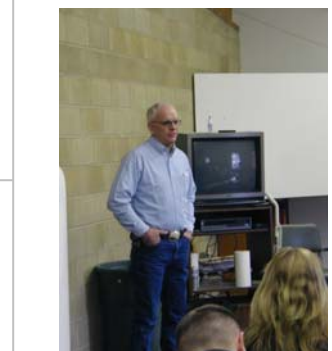


Most Significant Natural Resource Accomplishment

- *Reorganization of our Conservation District and establishing a complete Conservation District team to include five Board Members, three Associate Members, Management, Administrative, and Technical staff.*

Mission of the Warden Conservation District

- *The Warden Conservation District (WCD) represents and assists cooperators to help them adopt, implement, and promote conservation practices that enable them to be knowledgeable, successful and self sufficient in protecting our natural resources.*



Natural Resource Improvements in 2005 - Summary

- *Helped develop CRP plans for 6,100 acres.*
- *Assisted with development of EQIP IWM plans for 21,411 acres.*
- *Contributed to the \$592,392.70 in Irrigation Water Management Cost Share to growers' in Grant and Adams counties.*
- *Supported the 56,000 acres implemented GWMA IWM practices to conserve soil, water, and power in Grant and Adams counties.*

Water Quality Implementation

- *Contributed to provide Technical Assistance and Administration to contract \$592,329.70 in Irrigation Water Management (IWM) Cost Share to growers of Grant Co. and the irrigated portion of Adams Co. thru GWMA/EPA funding impacting approximately 56,000 acres.*
- *Supported the establishment and maintenance of an annual database for IWM signups.*
- *Contributed to the development of 39 Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) plans totaling 6,100 acres.*
- *Contributed to the Technical Assistance to implement requirements of 53 CRP plans.*
- *Helped provide Technical Assistance and Plan development for 50 EQIP IWM plans for the Black Sands area of Grant County impacting 21,411 acres.*
- *Attended and supported the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area (GWMA) program.*
- *Supported the Grant County Crop ID Project including field boundaries and irrigation types over 400 Grant County fields.*

Basic Funding

- *Monthly Supervisors' Board meetings.*
- *Attended Annual WACD meeting.*
- *Annual Supervisors election was held at the Corral Restaurant in Warden, Washington.*
- *An Annual Meeting was held locally to keep the community informed of the District happenings.*
- *Two District employees' attended the AFO/CAFO training.*
- *One District employee attended the WADE training. An Annual Meeting is held locally to keep the community informed of the District happenings.*

Livestock/Dairy

- *The Warden CD assists in the certification of local dairy plans presented to the supervisors by the Dairy Nutrient Manager.*
- *Provided Technical Assistance to local Dairy and Feedlot operations.*
- *Supported certification of 8 Dairies within the boundaries of UGCD.*
- *Contributed to 40+ hours of continued Technical Assistance provided to UGCD Dairy Producers.*

Local Funding – Burn Permits

- *While in the CDP, Warden Conservation District had an established MOA with the partnership to issue burn permits. 118 Ag. Burn Permits were issued to growers of Grant Co. according to BMP guidelines established by Dept. of Ecology Ag. Burn Task Force. (45 in the fall 2003 – 73 in the Spring of 2004).*
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Professional Engineering

- *The Warden CD, as partnered with the CDP, kept a professional engineer available to assist local land owners. An MOA was established for South Central Engineer.*
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Conservation Programs

- *The Warden CD stayed informed of the current status of the following programs through the NRCS partnership efforts: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and Wildlife Improvement Enhancement Program (WHIP), and Conservation Securities Program (CSP).*
 - *Notified and informed community members through multiple outreach, contacts, and programs.*
 - *Involved in two local work groups Big Bend Local Working Group and West Palouse Local Working Group.*
 - *Active in the Big Bend Resource Conservation and Development Council (BBRC&D).*
 - *Participated in providing Technical Assistance for 80 EQIP (Environmental Quality Improvement Program) and 15 WHIP (Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program) contracts within the NRCS Big Bend Team.*
 - *Participated in LWG (Local Working Group) meetings to prioritize and direct funding in area.*
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Irrigation Efficiencies

- *The Warden CD worked with the CDP to implement the Irrigation Water Management (IWM) program.*
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Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration

- *The Warden CD is partnered with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and Pheasants Forever to inform local producers of the benefits of wildlife habitat restoration and implementation.*
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Small Farm Programs

- *Assisted in the advertisement and notification of initial programs to local stakeholders at county fairs and field days.*
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Community Collaboration & Coordination

- *Supported Washington State Potato Commission sponsored lunches for the participants and volunteers of the Regional Envirothon Competition*
 - *Supported the coordination of 14 volunteer judges for the Regional Envirothon including representation by Grant Co. Commissioner LeRoy Allison, NRCS, Fish & Wildlife, Bureau of Reclamation (current and retired), Regional Campfire Director, QFC Organics Division, and local growers.*
 - *Supported Regional Envirothon was hosted by Wentworth & Sons Farms.*
 - *The WCD Board Members are on the Boards and participate in: Washington Cattlemen's Association, Farm Bureau, Alfalfa Seed Growers, Hay Grower's Association, various Seed Growers Associations, Columbia Basin Development League, Warden Port District, Local Planning Commission, and GWMA.*
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Information, Education, & Outreach

- *The Warden CD worked with the CDP through various conferences, local fairs, etc. to keep the community aware of District happenings, Conservation Programs, and Legislative concerns.*
- *The Warden CD produces a quarterly newsletter to inform the public of local events, education about beneficial programs, etc.*
- *Supported the teaching of 4,502 students and adults taught by Water on Wheels (WOW) educational program for Grant, Adams, and Franklin Co.*
- *Supported the Regional Envirothon Competition for 15 teams from schools within Grant and Adams Counties. Two teams, Almira/Coulee/Hartline and Ritzville, attended the State Envirothon Competition at Lake Wenatchee.*

Washington Conservation Districts assisting land managers with their conservation choices